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By the Lord Deputie and Councell.

C A Proclamation against the transportation of Cattle.

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As much as since our last restraint of carrying some kindes of Cattle out of this kingdome, & that restraint released vpon some reasons, presuming especially that no inconuenience would thereby ensue: All manner of persons haue so applied themselves to that kinde of transportation, as now by generall complaints from all parts, of the great scarcitie of Cattle growne as well in the Countrey as in all Markets, so much as the inhabitants of the Kingdome cannot for money be duly furnished with ordinary diet, and likewise that the store of breeders in this kingdome is extreamely exhausted, so much as diuers Lands are layd wast for want of Cattle, and more likewise to be daily: As also from the Ports and Marchants there that trades, depending vpon the slaughter of Cattle, which in a manner all that this kingdome affords are decayed, and like to fall to the ruine of many of the better sort of the inhabitants, and losse of his Maiesties Customes. And forasmuch as we finde great cause to suspect that many of the said cattle by sinister conueyances are conuerted to the supply of the enemies to his Maiestie and his Dominions. And lastly, for that now the slaughter time in this Kingdome approacheth, from whence the seuerall sortes of people trading that way are to be furnished. We the Lord Deputy and Councell taking these complaints and other reasons into our serious considerations, and being alwayes carefull to foresee the mischiefes and harmes threatening to endanger the Wellfare and prosperitie of this Realme, and his Maiesties good people thereof, haue thought fit for a time to suspend all power and libertie of transportation out of this Kingdome of any Sheepe, Cowes, Oxen, Swine, or other cattle whatsoever into any parts beyond the Seas.

Wherefore these are in his Maiesties name straightly to charge and commaund, That no person or persons of what condition soeuer he or they be, shall from and after the tenth day of October next ensuing the Date hereof, vntill the first of Aprill then next ensuing, transport or shippe, or cause to be transported or shipped out of this kingdome vpon any pretence whatsoever any of the said Cattle, of what nature, sort or kinde soeuer they be vpon paines of Fine and imprisonment to be imposed vpon the Owners of any such Cattle, so to be shipped contrary to the Tenor of this Proclamation, and seizure of the said cattle for satisfaction of such fine vnto his Maiestie, And the Factors and Ship-men that shall be priue in consenting to be further punished as to Us the Lord Deputy and Councell shalbe thought fit for thier wilfull contempt in that behalfe.

Willig, and by these presents straightly charging and commanding all Customers, controulers, Searchers, Surueyors, and other Officers of his Maiesties Ports, That they and euery of them be from time to time watchfull, that no cattle passe by any practise, pretence, or colour whatsoever contrary to the Tenor of this Proclamation.

And further, Willig all his Maiesties Subjects, that can learne or vnderstand of any abuse to bee committed contrary to the Tenor of these Presents, that they also resort vnto Us the Lord Deputie and Councell, to detect the fraud, corruption and confederacie of the said officers, if they shall wilfully conceale the same, And such discoverers shall receiue such reward out of the Fines of the Delinquents as their seruice shall deserue. Given at his Maiesties Castle of Dublin this 23. of September. 1626.

Tob. Caulfield.

Hen. Docwra.

Will. Parsons.

Roger Iones.

Adam Loftus.

God save the King.